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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Inventor:	Pierre C. Delago	
Appln. No.:	10/786,202	Confirmation No.: 3040
Filing Date:	February 25, 2004	Group Art Unit: 3654
Title:	<b>Crane Radial Support Bearing</b>	Examiner: Brahan, Thomas J.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Mail Stop **RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

The required submission was previously submitted. Please consider:

- i. ☐ the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 was previously filed on .
- ii. ☐ the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

OR

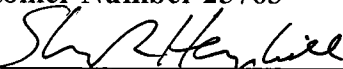
The following submission is enclosed:

- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment and Response (19 pgs.);
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s);

Other: Fee Transmittal (1 pg.).

Respectfully submitted,  
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